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Claim 19, line 2, delete "the step of".

Please add the following claims:

-- ⁵~~24~~. A method of treating chronic rheumatoid arthritis, comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutical composition comprising an antibody against an interleukin-6 receptor and a physiologically acceptable carrier.

⁷~~25~~. The method according to claim ⁶~~24~~, wherein the antibody suppresses abnormal growth of synovial cells.

⁸~~26~~. The method according to claim ⁶~~24~~, wherein the antibody is an antibody against a human interleukin-6 receptor.

⁹~~27~~. The method according to claim ⁶~~24~~, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

¹⁰~~28~~. The method according to claim ⁶~~24~~, wherein the patient is a human.

¹¹~~29~~. The method according to claim ¹⁰~~28~~, wherein the antibody is administered in four divided doses of from about 1 to 1000 mg.--

Abstract

Please add the attached abstract to the application.

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